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HE Directorate names annual award winners

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — High honors were awarded to outstanding individuals in the Air Force Research Laboratory's Human Effectiveness Directorate on March 12. An annual awards luncheon honored individuals from the Human Effectiveness Directorate's three major sites: Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Brooks City-Base, Texas and Mesa, Ariz. Due to geographic separation, individual award presentations were held concurrently at each of these locations.

Dr. Hendrick "Henk" Ruck, Director of the Human Effectiveness Directorate, presented the 2003 Director's Awards to Linda Lange (AFRL/HEOR), Capt. Louis Duncan (AFRL/HECB), Geoffrey Barbier (AFRL/HEA), Master Sgt. Ricardo Lowe (AFRL/HEP), 1st Lt. Leroy Brown (AFRL/CCE), and Maj. Gordon Hengst (AFRL/HEP). Hand-picked by the director, these award winners were recognized for their outstanding support in advancing the directorate's mission.

Dr. Ruck also presented five annual Directorate Excellence Awards to Col. Thomas Travis (311 HSW/CC), Lt. Col. James Weissmann (SAF/AQRT), Frank Iozzi (AFRL/PK), Jeff Carr (AFRL/HEA), and the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Transportation Section, Passenger Terminal.

The Harry G. Armstrong Scientific Excellence Award went to Dr. Patrick Mason of the Directed Energy Bioeffects Division, Brooks City-Base. Dr. Mason was recognized for his outstanding accomplishments for leading the bioeffects team for the Active Denial System Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration Project.

The LOCIS Team of the Warfighter Training Research Division, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, was selected to receive the David M. Clark Technology Transition Award. The 15-member team was recognized for their outstanding support and technology transition efforts to logisticians Air Force-wide.

The Senior Leadership Award was presented to Lt Col Brian Donnelly of the Warfighter Interface Division, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Lt Col Donnelly was acknowledged for his efforts as the Deputy Division Chief of the Warfighter Interface Division.

Maj Brandon Doan of the Biosciences and Protection Division, Brooks City-Base, was awarded the Leadership Award for his leadership and management skills used to guide the Fatigue Countermeasures Branch.

The Scientific/Technical Achievement Award was presented to the Aviation Sustained Operations Team of the Biosciences and Protection Division, Brooks City-Base. The six-member team was honored for outstanding research efforts in aviation fatigue.

The Scientific/Technical Management Award was presented to Lt. Col. Dennis Scholl of the Directed Energy Bioeffects Division, Brooks City-Base for achievements as the Active Denial System Program Manager.

Elizabeth Casey of the Warfighter Training Research Division, Mesa Research Site, Ariz., received the individual Mission Support Award. Ms. Casey received this award for her achievements in technical editing and Scientific and Technical Information (STINFO) activities.

The Air Force Health Study Support Team of the Directed Energy Bioeffects Division, Brooks City-Base, was awarded the team Mission Support Award. The 27-member team was recognized for outstanding support of the Air Force Health Study.

The Senior Administrative Excellence Award was presented to Tech. Sgt. Joe Robinson of the Directed Energy Bioeffects Division, Brooks City-Base for outstanding support of the Air Force Health Study.

Staff Sgt. Bridgette Pullam of the Directed Energy Bioeffects Division, Brooks City-Base, was chosen to receive the Administrative Excellence Award. Sergeant Pullam was acknowledged for her outstanding support of the Veterinary Sciences Branch.

Lt. Col. Lee Shibley of the Warfighter Interface Division, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, was presented the Mentor of the Year Award for outstanding efforts with the Air Force Cadet Mentoring Program and the HE Mentorship Program.

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The Human Effectiveness Directorate's annual military award winners were also honored at the awards presentation. Airman of the Year was Senior Airman Maxsimiliano Alvarado from the Biosciences and Protection Division, Brooks City-Base; NCO of the Year was Staff Sgt. Tanya Johnson of the Biosciences and Protection Division, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base; Senior NCO of the Year was Master Sgt. Samuel Colon of the Biosciences and Protection Division, Brooks City-Base; and CGO of the Year was 2nd Lt. Gerald Tiller of the Information Ops and Special Programs Office, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Also recognized were the 2003 Wright-Site Annual Military Award winners. The NCO of the Year was Staff Sgt. Tanya Johnson of the Biosciences and Protection Division, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base; Senior NCO of the Year was Master Sgt. Gregory Sudberry of the Biosciences and Protection Division, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base; and Airman of the Year was Senior Airman Brian Cavataio of the Biosciences and Protection Division, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. @